RAJYA SABHA

Reinstatement of ADG(ARIS) In ICAR

3837. SHRI R.N. ARYA:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 Members of Parliament, on different dates from March 1 to 29, 2001 wrote to the Prime Minister, requesting for reinstatement of Assistant Director General (ARIS) and others of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, who have been removed/transferred from their posts by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research:
 - (b) if so, the action taken on the above request;
 - (c) whether there is any delay in taking action on the above request;
 - (d) if so, the reason therefor; and
 - (e) whether CBI enquiry would be ordered by PM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Appropriate action has already been taken by sending replies to the Hon'ble MPs apprising them of the facts of the case and its present status.
 - (c) to (e) Does not arise.

FDI in Pharmaceutical Sector

3838. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to allow 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the pharmaceutical sector through automatic route;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
 - (c) whether the impact of the increase of FDI from 74 per cent to